

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Pierce S17021

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The State of Alabama Dallas County} SS

On this eleventh day of December in the year while Lord 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the County Court of the County of Dallas in this the State of Alabama, now sitting John Pierce Senior a resident of and in the County and State aforesaid, aged seventy-eight years or eighty years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States as a private volunteer Soldier under the Command of Captain John Carter, that his Major was Major Bacon, his Colonel was first Colonel Purvis [Lt. Col. John Purvis?], he also was afterwards a part of his time under the command of Colonel Picens [sic, Andrew Pickens] and Major Middleton [Charles Starke Myddleton?], his general was General Andrew Williamson, that he belonged to the South Carolina volunteers or militia, that he cannot recollect when he entered the service, he knows however it was within twelve months after the declaration of Independence, and that he served more than two years during the war. This applicant never had any Documentary evidence of his service William Day who is now in Court can testify to his service, there is no other within his knowledge in this State, who can. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State. He further declares that there is not any Clergyman residing in his vicinity who can testify to the belief of the neighborhood as to his applicant's revolutionary services. He further makes as a part of his declaration the following answers to the Interrogatories prescribed by the War Department,¹ to wit:

¹ The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your

1. To the first, That he was born in Chowan County North Carolina; he cannot recollect the year of his birth.
2. To the second: That ~~his father~~ he has no record of his age, his father gave him no learning & he never could keep an account of anything; His age was set down in his father's Bible & when his father died his sister got the Bible, at her death he does not know what became of it.
3. To the third: That he was living in Edgefield District, South Carolina near Augusta when called into service and has lived in that District ever since the revolutionary war until about 12 or 13 years ago when he removed to Dallas County Alabama where he has ever since resided.
4. To the fourth: That he was first a volunteer for three months against the Indians. That then not liking to go he was drafted to go upon an expedition to St Augustine to which place they never got. Always after that he was always a volunteer.
5. To the fifth; Colonel Samuel Hammond² of the regular Army was with him one route, when he was with those who went to the assistance of General Nathanael Greene. He was at the siege of Augusta from whence he was sent to Golfins Fort [Fort Galphin]³ between Augusta & Savannah at the time of its capture. He served principally under Colonel LeRoy Hammond & was sometimes under Major Middleton both of the militia. He was stationed at while on Spirit Creek Georgia. His father has told him he applicant was about 21 years of age in the beginning of the revolutionary war.
6. To the sixth: That he never did receive any written discharge from the service. Colonel Hammond told them when he volunteered to go against the Indians that they should all have 100 acres of land each, but he never got it.
7. To the seventh; That Daniel Hardy, John Hardy, Esquire, Colonel Freeman Hardy, Richard Blalock, John Grumbels Esquire & Major Benjamin Grumbels are known to him & can testify as to his character for veracity and their opinion of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

S/ John Pierce Senior, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ James D. Craig, Clerk

I, William Day,⁴ residing in the County of Dallas & State of Alabama, hereby certify, that I have been acquainted with John Pierce Senior the applicant in the foregoing application, from the commencement of the revolutionary war, that the first time he seen applicant was at the beginning of the revolutionary war. This Witness was in the service as a volunteer under Captain John Carter & soon after Witness's entering service, Applicant was attached to the same company with Witness. Witness and Applicant were not always together in the Service, but frequently met in the service, and the Witness has no doubt from his recollection of their different meetings while in the service at Applicant did serve more than two years as a soldier in the revolution.

S/ William Day, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

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[Daniel Hardy, John Hardy, Freeman Hardy, Richard Blalock, John Grumbels [also spelled

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² [Samuel Hammond S21807](#). Samuel Hammond was a militia officer in the SC militia. The fact that this applicant mistook him for a Regular Officer might indicate that Hammond wore a uniform similar to that worn by officers in the Continental Army.

³ <http://gaz.irshelby.com/fortgalphin.htm>

⁴ [William Day S16755](#)

Grumbles] & Benjamin Grumbels [also spelled Grumbles, Benjamin Grumbles later served as Administrator of the estate of the veteran] gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Note: The veteran died September 28, 1841]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for one year in the South Carolina militia.]